**Externally Aided Projects**

4652. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of on-going externally aided projects;

(b) what is the total amount involved there in State-wise; and

(c) what is the share of Gujarat and Maharashtra out of the total Externally Aided Projects approved from 1st April, 1996 till 31st March, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The total number of on-going externally aided projects is 369.

(b) and (c) Statements annexed as Annexure-A and B *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 115] respectively show amounts involved therein State-wise. The States are in addition benefited under several Multi-state and Central Sector projects.

**Kisan Credit Card Scheme in Madhya Pradesh**

4653. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made with regard to implementation of the Kisan Credit Card Scheme;

(b) the number of credit cards so far issued by the public sector and Co-operative banks under this scheme in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) what is the total amount of credit availed of by farmers in Madhya Pradesh, since commencement of this Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Since the introduction of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme by public sector banks, regional rural banks and Co-operatives in the country, 16,77,608 cards have been issued by the public sector banks upto January, 2000 (latest available), 1.58 lakh cards by regional rural banks (upto February 2000) and 36.40 lakh cards by Co-operative Banks (upto February 2000) respectively.